1	2	3	4	5
20.	West Bengal (including Sikkim and Calcutta Telephone District)	227.54	306.58	450.46
21.	MTNLs Delhi and Mumbai	912.54	977.44	1250.00
22.	Other Units	1291.56	1332.33	1623.68
	TOTAL	9558.64	10427.78	13750.00

Opening of Telephone Exchange in Assam Telecom Circle

2641. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what plan has been taken by Government to bring N.E. Region at par with other parts of the country in the field of telecommunications;

(b) how much telephone exchanges are functioning in village areas in Assam till now; and

(c) how much telephone exchanges are to be build in village areas under Assam Telecom Circle in the ciurent year of 2000-2001 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAP AN SIKDAR) : (a) The perspective Plan (1997-2007) for North East Region envisages to provide telephone on demand by 31 st March, 2001 against the all India target of providing telephone on demand by 31st March, 2002.

(b) Out of 415 telephone exchanges working in Assam state, 296 telephone exchanges are working in the rural areas.

(c) It is planned to open 50 new telephone exchanges in Assam state during the year 2000-2001. Out of which nearly 45 telephone exchanges are planned in rural areas which are likely to be commissioned in phased manner by March, 2001.

Wireless Telephones in Karnataka

2642. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to introduce Wireless telephones in Bangalore City during 2000-2001;